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TAGS: AF, UR, US PEPR, PRO  
SUBJ: INITIAL SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR  
DURS' DEATH

1. (U) SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS REPORTAGE OF AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO REPRINTING OF AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY'S FEBRUARY 14 NEWS RELEASE EXPRESSING DRA CONDOLENCES AND DESCRIBING INCIDENT AS PERPETRATED BY ENEMIES OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND OPPONENTS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. (U) SOVIET ENGLISH LANGUAGE TASS SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 15 RAN BRIEF THREE-SENTENCE COMMENTARY BY  
TASS COMMENTATOR K. IVANOV CHARGING THAT:

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-- REPORTS APPEARING IN THE 'AMERICAN PRESS' :: ::

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"PRESENT IN A DISTORTED LIGHT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF THE US AMBASSADOR IN KABUL, ADOLPH DUBS. BEING CIRCULATED IS AN ABSURD STORY ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS OF PERSONS WHO IN REALITY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY."

-- "JUDGING BY EVERYTHING", SUCH REPORTS WERE NEEDED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THOSE REALLY GUILTY OF THE PROVOCATIVE ACT ... THAT WAS SANCTIONED AND CARRIED OUT BY THE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRATIC AFGHANISTAN." TOON

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